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SUBMITTAL OF THE FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ARMITAGE FIELD  
OPERABLE UNIT, NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION CHINA LAKE,  
SEPTEMBER 2005

Dear Ms. Shepherd and Mr. Cornell:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the final response to comments and the transmittal of the *"Final Feasibility Study for the Armitage Field Operable Unit, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake"* dated September 2005. The document was prepared for the Department of the Navy by Tetra Tech EM, Inc. DTSC comments regarding this document are included in this letter.

In general, the Navy's response to comments is acceptable and DTSC concurs that the Feasibility Study is final. However, DTSC is restating our position regarding Site 3. DTSC agrees that the groundwater beneath Sites 3, 50, and 58 is addressed by the alternatives contemplated for the Armitage Field OU as a whole. DTSC is amenable to concurring on a conditional, No Further Action designation for Site 3 (Armitage Field Leach Ponds) that specifies the collection of confirmatory soil samples as part of any future demolition or renovation activities at Site 3. This should be included in the Record of Decision for the Armitage Field Operable Unit.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3668 or [lracca@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:lracca@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Racca', followed by the word 'for'.

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